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Folks,

Attached is the GSENM Advisory Committee FRN package for a May 2/3 meeting for your review and submission. If you find any corrections or make any changes, please let me know so I can maintain a corrected package here (and not repeat the mistake!). And Mike, thanks for volunteering to help get this through...the effort really is appreciated.

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Respectfully,  
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## Briefing Paper

### 1. State Office

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)

### 2. What is the title of this notice?

Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting

### 3. What are the key issues raised by the underlying decision documents for this notice?

The Secretary of the Interior established the GSENM-MAC pursuant to section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43U.S.C. 1739) and in conformity with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The fifteen appointed members of the GSENM-MAC perform several primary tasks. As specified in the Committee charter, the GSENM-MAC may be requested to: (1) Gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, seek public input or ascertain facts to develop recommendations concerning the use and management of the Monument; (2) review programmatic documents including the annual Monument Manager's Reports, and Monument Science Plans to provide recommendations on the achievement of the Management Plan objectives; (3) Compile monitoring data and assess and advise the DFO of the extent to which the Plan objectives are being met; (4) Make recommendations on Monument protocols and applicable planning projects to achieve the overall objectives are being met; (5) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity; (6) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process; (7) Consult and make recommendations on issues such as protocols for specific projects, e.g., vegetation restoration methods or standards for excavation and curation of artifacts and objects; and/or (8) Prepare an annual report summarizing the Committee's activities and accomplishments of the past year, and make recommendations for future needs and activities. The committee charter states that the committee will meet a minimum of two times annually. This is the third meeting of Fiscal Year 2017.

### 4. Who are the primary users affected by or parties interested in the underlying decisions or actions? What are their concerns?

The GSENM-MAC has been successful in bringing diverse and often competing interests to the table to deal with issues of mutual concern. This inclusive approach has shown great promise as a means to successfully deal with long-standing problems of public land management. The GSENM-MAC has demonstrated that consensus-driven recommendations often lead to sustainable outcomes that benefit natural resources and often enjoy a high level of public support.

### 5. Is tribal consultation appropriate under E.O. 13175 or other authorities? Will the proposed action potentially impact tribes or tribal lands, or generate their interest? If so, what consultation or other communication/outreach are you planning?

Although formal Tribal consultation is not appropriate for this purpose, outreach to the Tribes does occur.

### 6. Will this notice be controversial?

No

7. What will the underlying decision or action change? (Summarize changes to policy, management practices, allowable uses, differences between draft and final, etc.)

There will be no changes.

8. Will this notice need communications materials, e.g., a press release or a Communications Plan? If so, enclose these materials with the notice package submitted.

No.

9. What are the reasons for the timing of the notice and the consequence, if any, of delaying or canceling the release?

This meeting is the third of Fiscal Year 2017. The committee is to meet 2-4 times per year. This meeting was scheduled to facilitate committee input to several ongoing public planning projects. Delaying this notice would force the meeting to be postponed; which, because of members' schedules and the need for coordination between members, might prevent the committee from providing valuable input to the planning process.

10. How has this action been analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?  
Analysis in accordance with NEPA is not required.

11. Is there any additional pertinent, descriptive information that reviewers need to know or would increase understanding?

No.

12. List the names and positions of the people who have prepared, reviewed, and approved the notice and the underlying decisions and documents.

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## Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting  
Escalante Interagency Center, Escalante, UT  
May 2-3, 2017

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Time	Length	Event	Presenter	Comment
10:00	30	Call to Order/ Welcome/Introductions/Overview of Agenda	Designated Federal Official (Monument Manager)/Chair	GSENM AiR Video
10:30	5	Administrative Business	Public Affairs Officer	Amenities Travel claims
10:35	10	Review Minutes	Public Affairs Officer/DFO	Review/discuss/approve minutes of last meeting
10:45	60	Manager's Report/Division Reports/NEPA Workload/Projects	Monument Manager/ Division Chiefs/Staff	Personnel/Budget/Projects/Division reports
11:45	75	Lunch	On Own	
1300	4 hrs	Dry Forks Site Tour	Monument Staff	Discussion on upcoming EA/site improvements. Recommendations/Letter of support
1700	60	Public Comment Period	DFO/Chair	
1800		Adjourn	DFO	

### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Time	Length	Event	Presenter	Comment
8:00	15	Call to Order/ Welcome/Introductions	DFO/Chair	
8:15	3 hr 30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grazing EIS Overview/Process/Next Steps/MAC Contributions/Working Group/Recommendations</li> <li>GSENM Science Plan</li> <li>HiTR Road Repair Project</li> </ul>	GSENM Associate  Dana Backer GSENM Associate	
11:45	15	Break		
Noon	60	Public Comment Period	DFO/Chair	
1300		Adjourn	DFO	

**Next Meetings:** August 3 & 4, 2017, Escalante

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[UT-030-17-1610-PH-241A]**

**Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The GSENM MAC will meet Tuesday, May 2 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) and Wednesday, May 3, 2017, (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) in Escalante, Utah.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet at the Interagency Visitor Center, located at 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah, 84741; phone (435) 644-1209.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member GSENMAC was appointed by the Secretary of Interior on January 23, 2016, pursuant to the Monument Management Plan, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA). As specified the Committee charter, the GSENMAC may be requested to: (1) Gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, seek public input or ascertain facts to develop recommendations concerning the use and management

of the Monument; (2) review programmatic documents including the annual Monument Manager's Reports, and Monument Science Plans to provide recommendations on the achievement of the Management Plan objectives; (3) Compile monitoring data and assess and advise the DFO of the extent to which the Plan objectives are being met; (4) Make recommendations on Monument protocols and applicable planning projects to achieve the overall objectives are being met; (5) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity; (6) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process; (7) Consult and make recommendations on issues such as protocols for specific projects, e.g., vegetation restoration methods or standards for excavation and curation of artifacts and objects; and/or (8) Prepare an annual report summarizing the Committee's activities and accomplishments of the past year, and make recommendations for future needs and activities.

Topics to be discussed by the GSENM MAC during this meeting include the ongoing Livestock Grazing Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (LGMPA/AEIS); GSENM division briefs, GSENM Science plan update, a tour of the Dry Fork area and discussion of the on-going environmental assessment regarding the Dry Fork trailhead; future meeting dates and other matters as may reasonably come before the GSENM MAC.

The entire meeting is open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to address the Committee at 5:00 p.m., local time, on May 2, 2017; and at 12:00 p.m., local time, on May 3, 2017. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be established. Interested persons may make oral statements to the GSENM MAC during this time or written statements may be submitted for the GSENM MAC's consideration. Written statements can be sent

to: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Attn.: Larry Crutchfield, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah, 84741. Information to be distributed to the GSENMAC is requested 10 days prior to the start of the GSENMAC meeting.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Approved:

Edwin Roberson, State Director

## Briefing Paper Departmental Clearance

Title of Document: **Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting**

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Summary (Clearly and very briefly explain what the document does and, if applicable, where the subject of the document is located):

Notices the May 2017 meeting of the advisory committee.

Is timing critical? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date the document must publish or other action must occur: 4/3/2017

What is driving the timing? By charter, this committee is to meet 204 times per year. This meeting is the third of Fiscal Year 2017.

What happens if the deadline is missed?

This meeting was scheduled to facilitate committee input to several ongoing public planning projects. Delaying this notice would force the meeting to be postponed; which, because of members' schedules and the need for coordination between members, might prevent the committee from providing valuable input to the planning process.

Background: *[Briefly provide any background information, in understandable language, that will help a reader quickly understand what the document is trying to do and why, along with additional information that is useful. Assume the reader knows little about the subject matter. Minimize use of acronyms or abbreviations and do not use them at all unless they are clearly defined. Is the document a high-profile, litigated matter?]*

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Issues: *[Controversial? What are the significant issues, who will care, and how strongly will they care?]*

The meeting is not controversial.

Communications:

Once the meeting is announced in the Federal Register, a news release will go out to local & regional media announcing the meeting.

Is there an information collection associated with this document? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, does it have a currently approved OMB Control Number? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Did OIRA provide comments or change the significance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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### **GSENM Advisory Committee Meetings Set For May 2 & 3, 2017**

**KANAB, Utah** — The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENM MAC) will host a meetings on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda topics include: an update on the Livestock Grazing Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (LGMPA/AEIS); GSENM division briefs, a tour of the Dry Forks Site; the Monument Science Plan; future meeting dates and other matters as may reasonably come before the GSENM MAC

Those attending in person should meet at the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Headquarters, located at the Interagency Visitor Center located at 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah. The committee will hear public comment from 5 to 6 p.m. on May 2; and from 12 to 1 p.m. on May 3.

For additional information, contact Larry Crutchfield at 435-644-1209 or [lcrutchf@blm.gov](mailto:lcrutchf@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.